CRUISING THE MEDITERRANEAN
ATHENS TO ROME ON EMERALD SAKARA
SEPTEMBER 26–OCTOBER 5, 2024

This program highlights archaeological sites that are remnants of the grand civilizations of ancient Greece and Rome. Begin in Athens with its incomparable Parthenon and the Acropolis Museum, then cruise aboard your luxury yacht through the Corinth Canal to see where the Oracle spoke to Greek citizens at Delphi. If you wish, go for a run on the original track at Olympia. Stop at 2,700-year-old Siracusa, rich with Greek and Roman history, where you’ll stay for a late departure that allows an evening stroll or sightseeing excursion. Marvel at the 3rd c. BC Greco-Roman amphitheater at Taormina and the stunning Greek Temple of Neptune at Paestum before visiting fascinating Pompeii for a look at what Roman life was like before Mt. Vesuvius erupted.

HIGHLIGHTS

• **Cruise** for 7 nights aboard the new, elegant 50-cabin Luxury Yacht Emerald Sakara, small enough to dock city-center with other yachts.

• **Marvel** at major historical sites of ancient Greece in Athens, Delphi, and Olympia.

• **Learn** about Greek and Roman history on the Italian Mediterranean island of Sicily.

• **Explore** the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Greek Paestum and Roman Pompeii as you sail north toward Rome.

*Cruise* on the elegant Luxury Yacht *Emerald Sakara*, launching in 2023. A full 360 feet in length but with only 50 cabins, she has ample space and a relaxed atmosphere on board. The staterooms and suites are uniquely designed and offer views of the spectacular scenery. Forty-four of the fifty cabins have step-on balconies. Dining onboard includes menus with fresh locally sourced ingredients. Perhaps best of all, Sakara is so petite it can tie up next to the promenades with other superyachts, rather than being banished to the commercial cruise piers where larger ships must dock.
## ITINERARY OUTLINE

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<td>Sep 26 Thu</td>
<td>Depart U.S.</td>
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<td>Overnight flight to Athens, Greece.</td>
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<td>Sep 27 Fri</td>
<td>Athens, Greece</td>
<td>Athens Capital Hotel – MGallery Collection</td>
<td>Arrive and transfer to your centrally located at Syntagma square for an orientation, welcome reception, and dinner. RD</td>
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<td>Sep 28 Sat</td>
<td>Embarkation</td>
<td>Emerald Sakara-1</td>
<td>Visit the private Goulandris Museum of Cycladic Art in Athens. Drive to the port of Piraeus and board your Luxury Yacht Emerald Sakara. Enjoy the Captain’s welcome reception and dinner this evening. B,L,D</td>
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<td>Sep 29 Sun</td>
<td>Corinth Canal/Delphi</td>
<td>Emerald Sakara-2</td>
<td>Cruise through the dramatic Corinth Canal before docking at Itea to climb to the ruins of Delphi, where the Oracle’s pronouncements were sought for centuries. B,L,D</td>
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<td>Sep 30 Mon</td>
<td>Katakolon/Olympia</td>
<td>Emerald Sakara-3</td>
<td>Today’s excursion takes us to Olympia, iconic site of the ancient Olympic Games, with temples, stadium, sanctuary, stoa, and museum. Partake in a foot race on the original Olympic track. B,L,D</td>
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<td>Oct 1 Tue</td>
<td>Siracusa, Italy</td>
<td>Emerald Sakara-4</td>
<td>Cruise this morning to Sicily and dock at Siracusa. Tour the Archaeological Park, followed by guided walk of Ortygia Island w/highlights including lively morning market, Cathedral Square, Santa Lucia Church w/famed Caravaggio, and a Jewish mikveh (bath). In a lovely private palazzo, view collection of etchings featuring ancient Siracusa and Sicily followed by wine tasting in the palace cellars hosted by a nobleman. After dark architectural walk or free time before departure. B,L,D</td>
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<td>Oct 2 Wed</td>
<td>Giardini Naxos/Taormina</td>
<td>Emerald Sakara-5</td>
<td>Choice of tours today: 1) Early departure for the slopes of Mt. Etna to see Silvestri Crater and ride the cable car to the summit; 2) Visit 3rd c. B.C. Greco-Roman amphitheater of Taormina w/free time in town; 3) Travel through the Sicilian countryside for a hike in Alcantara Gorge. B,L,D</td>
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<td>Oct 3 Thu</td>
<td>Salerno/Amalfi Coast</td>
<td>Emerald Sakara-6</td>
<td>Dock this morning in Salerno for the short drive to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Paestum and its three Doric Greek temples, highlighted by the stunning Temple of Neptune. Scenic afternoon cruise along the beautiful Amalfi Coast to Sorrento. B,L,D</td>
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<td>Oct 4 Fri</td>
<td>Sorrento/Pompeii</td>
<td>Emerald Sakara-7</td>
<td>Sorrento, with its spectacular views over the Bay of Naples, is base for today’s excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage site Roman Pompeii, buried by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD. B,L,D</td>
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<td>Oct 5 Sat</td>
<td>Civitavecchia / Home</td>
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<td>Disembark by 9:00 am for flights home OR join the post-tour extension to Rome. B</td>
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**Note:** Red indicates required day-to-day activities, black indicates optional day-to-day activities.
GENERAL INFORMATION

Program Fees:
Category D, Oceanview Stateroom (183–205 sf), per person, sharing $7,990
Category B, Balcony Suite (285–306 sf), per person, sharing $9,990
Category A, Balcony Suite (285–306 sf), per person, sharing $10,490
Category S, Deluxe Balcony Suite (382–404 sf), per person, sharing $11,990
Category T, Terrace Suite (648–670 sf), per person, sharing $13,990
Category Y, Yacht Suite (700–721 sf), per person, sharing $14,490
Category SA, Owner’s Suite (1,163–1,193 sf), per person, sharing $19,990

Category D, Oceanview Stateroom (183-205 sf), single $12,790
Category B, Balcony Suite (285–306 sf), single $15,990

Program Length, Capacity:
10 days roundtrip from the U.S.
Minimum capacity: 70; Maximum capacity: 90 (all sponsors—sponsors include Archaeological Institute of America, National Trust Tours)

Fees Include:
All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary • Full program of briefings, lectures and presentations • Transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates • Baggage handling • Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides and drivers • Gratuities to shipboard personnel • Port charges • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with group lunches and dinners and on board Emerald Sakara • Filtered water on motorcoaches • Criterion Tour Manager

Fees Do Not Include:
U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses, immunizations, and Covid-19 testing if required at the time of travel • Private airport transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure dates • Travel and trip cancellation insurance • Excursions that deviate from the scheduled tour options • Airline baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, fax, Internet, and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature